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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

Bob A. Phunkulh

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 31 July 2001.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-11 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-11 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 18 October 2001 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
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- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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DETAILED ACTION

Specification

Applicant is reminded of the proper language and format for an abstract of the disclosure.

The abstract should be in narrative form and generally limited to a single paragraph on a separate sheet within the range of 50 to 150 words. It is important that the abstract not exceed 150 words in length since the space provided for the abstract on the computer tape used by the printer is limited. The form and legal phraseology often used in patent claims, such as "means" and "the," should be avoided. The abstract should describe the disclosure sufficiently to assist readers in deciding whether there is a need for consulting the full patent text for details.

The language should be clear and concise and should not repeat information given in the title. It should avoid using phrases which can be implied, such as, "The disclosure concerns," "The disclosure defined by this invention," "The disclosure describes," etc.

Claim Objections

Claim 7 is objected to because of the following informalities: please delete the second "to" in line 3. Appropriate correction is required.

The numbering of claims is not in accordance with 37 CFR 1.126 which requires the original numbering of the claims to be preserved throughout the prosecution. When claims are canceled, the remaining claims must not be renumbered. When new claims are presented, they must be numbered consecutively beginning with the number next following the highest numbered claims previously presented (whether entered or not).

Misnumbered claims 10-12 been renumbered 9-11.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

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A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

Claims 1-11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by

Ayyagari et al. (US 2001/0024434), hereinafter *Ayyagari*.

Regarding claims 1 and 7, *Ayyagari* discloses a telecommunications network comprising a plurality of user nodes (web enabled cellular phone 210, laptop computer 215, digitizing pad 220, see figure 2), a relay node (access point 200), and controller means (subnet bandwidth manager “SBM” 205, see figure 2) operative to allocate resources so as to control levels of traffic transmitted from/to the user nodes via the relay node, the controller means being operative to allocate a data transmission rate for traffic from user nodes via the relay node to user nodes which is up to twice that for traffic via the relay node in from or out of the network (the SBM allocate bandwidth for the requesting user nodes via the relay node, see abstract; and steps 500, 505, see figure 5).

Regarding claim 2, *Ayyagari* discloses at least some user nodes include a respective regulator of best effort traffic, the regulators being controlled by traffic level control signals sent by the controller (the starting node hosts QOS handling mechanisms such as RSVP and Packet Scheduler, see paragraph 0057).

Regarding claims 3 and 8, *Ayyagari* discloses the regulators are controlled by the control signals so as to set the maximum level of traffic sent per unit time by their respective nodes (the authorization is communicated to the task by returning an acknowledgment message to the starting node. The QoS handling mechanism at the starting node assigns the priority level tag, or alternatively in the case of an embodiment of the invention where the starting node is also the access point for a wireless link into a network, the SBM approves a requested tag value, see paragraph 0057).

Regarding claim 4, *Ayyagari* discloses the traffic comprises best-effort traffic (see paragraph 0055).

Regarding claim 5, *Ayyagari* discloses the traffic comprises traffic having a predetermined associated Quality of Service (QoS) (see paragraph 0055-0056).

Regarding claim 6, *Ayyagari* discloses the telecommunications network is a wireless local area network (see figure 2 and paragraph 0002).

Regarding claim 9, *Ayyagari* discloses a network node for a telecommunications network, the node comprising

a regulator (SBM, see figure 2) operative under the control of received control signals (request signals from wireless devices, see paragraph 0048) to limit the levels of traffic sent on by the node per unit time dependent on desired data transmission rate

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(QOS), the desired data transmission rate for traffic from user nodes via the relay node to user nodes being set at up to twice that for traffic via the relay node in from or out of the network (the access point 200 includes subnet bandwidth manger "SBM" to control access to the network, see paragraphs 0017 and 0047).

Regarding claim 10, *Ayyagari* discloses the node being a relay node (Access Point 200 is relay node, see figure 2).

Regarding claim 11, *Ayyagari* the node being a user node (the starting node, see paragraphs 0057 and 0060).

Conclusion

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor **Chau Nguyen**, can be reach on **(571) 272-3126**. The fax phone number for this group is **(571) 273-8300**.

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Primary Examiner

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